Listing of Claims:

1.   (currently amended) A method for <u>organizing</u> ~~displaying~~ video streams <u>on a display screen</u> ~~received from multiple terminals linked by a network, the method~~ comprising:

receiving a plurality of video streams at a network terminal;

simultaneously displaying the video streams in a user interface provided by the network terminal;

ranking <u>within the network terminal</u> at least a portion of the video streams according to a set of ranking criteria<u>, wherein said ranking is to determine the relative locations of the video streams within the user interface</u>; and

arranging <u>the locations of</u> at least a portion of the simultaneously-displayed video streams within the user interface in order of rank <u>as determined by the ranking criteria</u>.

2.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

detecting a scene change within a first video stream; and

promoting the first video stream to a higher rank <u>thereby changing the location of the first video stream within the user interface</u>.

3.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one video stream comprises a scene change, and wherein at least a portion of the video streams are ranked<u>, and therefore arranged within the user interface,</u> according to recency of scene changes.

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4.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one video stream comprises a scene change, and wherein at least a portion of the video streams are ranked, and therefore arranged within the user interface, according to frequency of scene changes.

5.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the video streams are ranked, and therefore arranged within the user interface, according to ~~popularity~~ how many network terminals are displaying the respective video streams.

6.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one video stream is promoted to a higher rank in response to the time of day thereby changing the location of the at least one video stream within the user interface.

7.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one video stream is promoted to a higher rank in response to the day of the week thereby changing the location of the at least one video stream within the user interface.

8.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one video stream is promoted to a higher rank in response to information contained within a user's calendar thereby changing the location of the at least one video stream within the user interface.

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9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying comprises: displaying the video streams in a grid format in the user interface.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein a video stream displayed near the top of the user interface is designated as having has a higher rank than a video stream displayed near the bottom of the user interface.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 9, wherein a video stream displayed near the left side of the user interface is designated as having has a higher rank than a video stream displayed near the right side of the user interface.

12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying comprises: displaying the video streams in a ticker format in the user interface.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the ticker format comprises a moving carousel of simultaneously-displayed video streams having a beginning position and an ending position, and wherein a video stream displayed near the beginning position is designated as having has a higher rank than a video stream displayed near the ending position.

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying comprises:

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visually emphasizing the video stream of highest rank <u>within the user</u>

<u>interface</u>.

15.   (currently amended) The method of claim 14, wherein

emphasizing comprises:

enlarging the video stream of highest rank as displayed <u>within</u> ~~on~~ the

user interface relative to the other video streams.

16.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the

network <u>terminal</u> comprises one of a cable network <u>terminal</u> and a direct satellite

broadcast (DBS) network <u>terminal</u>.

17.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the

<u>network</u> terminal comprises an interactive television system.

18.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one video

stream comprises a broadcast television program.

19.   (original) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one video

stream comprises live video generated by a webcam.

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20.   (currently amended) A system for <u>organizing</u> ~~displaying~~ video streams <u>on a display screen</u> ~~received from multiple terminals linked by a network, the system~~ comprising:

a stream reception component configured to receive a plurality of video streams at a network terminal;

a stream display component configured to simultaneously display the video streams in a user interface provided by the network terminal; and

a stream ranking component <u>within the network terminal</u> ~~configured~~ to rank at least a portion of the video streams according to a set of ranking criteria, and wherein the stream display component is <u>further</u> configured to arrange <u>the locations</u> <u>of</u> at least a portion of the simultaneously-displayed video streams within the user interface in order of rank <u>as determined by the ranking criteria</u>.

21.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the stream ranking component is configured to detect a scene change within a first video stream and to promote the first video stream to a higher rank <u>thereby changing the</u> <u>location of the first video stream within the user interface</u>.

22.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein at least one video stream comprises a scene change, and wherein the stream ranking component is configured to rank<u>, and the stream display component is configured to</u> <u>arrange within the user interface,</u> at least a portion of the video streams according to recency of scene changes.

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23.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein at least

one video stream comprises a scene change, and wherein the stream ranking

component is configured to rank, and the stream display component is configured to

arrange within the user interface, at least a portion of the video streams according to

frequency of scene changes.

24.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the

stream ranking component is configured to rank, and the stream display component

is configured to arrange within the user interface, the video streams according to

popularity how many network terminals are displaying the respective video streams.

25.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the

stream ranking component is configured to promote at least one video stream to a

higher rank in response to the time of day thereby changing the location of the at

least one video stream within the user interface.

26.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the

stream ranking component is configured to promote at least one video stream to a

higher rank in response to the day of the week thereby changing the location of the at

least one video stream within the user interface.

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27.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the

stream ranking component is configured to promote at least one video stream to a

higher rank in response to information contained within a user's calendar thereby

changing the location of the at least one video stream within the user interface.

28.   (original) The system of claim 20, wherein the stream display

component is configured to display the video streams in a grid format in the user

interface.

29.   (currently amended) The system of claim 28, wherein a video

stream displayed near the top of the user interface is designated as having has a

higher rank than a video stream displayed near the bottom of the user interface.

30.   (currently amended) The system of claim 28, wherein a video

stream displayed near the left side of the user interface is designated as having has

a higher rank than a video stream displayed near the right side of the user interface.

31.   (original) The system of claim 20, wherein the stream display

component is configured to arrange the video streams in a ticker format in the user

interface.

32.   (currently amended) The system of claim 31, wherein the ticker

format comprises a moving carousel of simultaneously-displayed video streams

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having a beginning position and an ending position, and wherein a video stream

displayed near the beginning position is designated as having has a higher rank than

a video stream displayed near the ending position.

33.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the

stream display component is configured to visually emphasize a video stream of

highest rank within the user interface.

34.   (original) The system of claim 33, wherein the stream display

component is configured to enlarge the video stream of highest rank as displayed on

the user interface relative to the other video streams.

35.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the

network terminal comprises one of a cable network terminal and a direct satellite

broadcast (DBS) network terminal.

36.   (currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein the

network terminal comprises an interactive television system.

37.   (original) The system of claim 20, wherein at least one video

stream comprises a broadcast television program.

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38.   (original) The system of claim 20, wherein at least one video stream comprises live video generated by a webcam.

39.   (currently amended) A computer program product comprising a machine-readable medium including program code for causing a machine to performing a method for organizing displaying video streams on a display screen received from multiple terminals linked by a network, the method comprising:

receiving a plurality of video streams at a network terminal;

simultaneously displaying the video streams in a user interface provided by the network terminal;

ranking within the network terminal at least a portion of the video streams according to a set of ranking criteria, wherein said ranking is to determine the relative locations of the video streams within the user interface;[[,]] and

arranging the locations of at least a portion of the simultaneously-displayed video streams within the user interface in order of rank as determined by the ranking criteria.

40.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39, further comprising:

detecting a scene change within a first video stream; and

promoting the first video stream to a higher rank thereby changing the location of the first video stream within the user interface.

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41.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein at least one video stream comprises a scene change, and wherein at least a portion of the video streams are ranked, and therefore arranged within the user interface, according to recency of scene changes.

42.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein at least one video stream comprises a scene change, and wherein at least a portion of the video streams are ranked, and therefore arranged within the user interface, according to frequency of scene changes.

43.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein the video streams are ranked, and therefore arranged within the user interface, according to popularity how many network terminals are displaying the respective video streams.

44.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein at least one video stream is promoted to a higher rank in response to the time of day thereby changing the location of the at least one video stream within the user interface.

45.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein at least one video stream is promoted to a higher rank in response to the day

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of the week <u>thereby changing the location of the at least one video stream within the</u>

<u>user interface</u>.

46.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39,
wherein at least one video stream is promoted to a higher rank in response to
information contained within a user's calendar <u>thereby changing the location of the at</u>

<u>least one video stream within the user interface</u>.

47.   (original) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein
displaying comprises:

  displaying the video streams in a grid format in the user interface.

48.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 47,
wherein a video stream displayed near the top of the user interface <u>is designated as</u>
<u>having</u> ~~has~~ a higher rank than a video stream displayed near the bottom of the user
interface.

49.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 47,
wherein a video stream displayed near the left side of the user interface <u>is designated</u>
<u>as having</u> ~~has~~ a higher rank than a video stream displayed near the right side of the
user interface.

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50. (original) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein displaying comprises:

displaying the video streams in a ticker format in the user interface.

51. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 50, wherein the ticker format comprises a moving carousel of simultaneously-displayed video streams having a beginning position and an ending position, and wherein a video stream displayed near the beginning position is designated as having has a higher rank than a video stream displayed near the ending position.

52. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein displaying comprises:

visually emphasizing the video stream of highest rank within the user interface.

53. (original) The computer program product of claim 52, wherein emphasizing comprises:

enlarging the video stream of highest rank as displayed on the user interface relative to the other video streams.

54. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein the network terminal comprises one of a cable network terminal and a direct satellite broadcast (DBS) network terminal.

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55.   (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein the <u>network</u> terminal comprises an interactive television system.

56.   (original) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein at least one video stream comprises a broadcast television program.

57.   (original) The computer program product of claim 39, wherein at least one video stream comprises live video generated by a webcam.

58.   (currently amended) A method for ~~displaying~~ <u>organizing</u> video streams received from multiple webcams linked by a network, the method comprising:

receiving a plurality of video streams at an interactive television system coupled to the network;

simultaneously displaying the video streams in a user interface provided by the interactive television system;

ranking at least a portion of the video streams according to a user-defined set of ranking criteria;

arranging <u>the locations of</u> at least a portion of the displayed video streams in the user interface in order of rank <u>as determined by the ranking criteria</u>;

detecting a change of scene within a first video stream;

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promoting the first video stream to a higher rank in response to said detecting of the scene change; and

re-arranging the locations of at least a portion of the displayed video streams in the user interface in order of rank to reflect the promotion in rank of the first video stream.

59.   (currently amended) A system for organizing displaying video streams on a display screen, the video streams being received from multiple webcams linked by a network, the method comprising:

a stream reception component configured to receive a plurality of video streams at an interactive television system coupled to the network;

a stream display component configured to simultaneously displaying the video streams in a user interface provided by the interactive television system; and

a stream ranking component configured to rank at least a portion of the video streams according to a user-defined set of ranking criteria;

wherein the stream display component is further configured to visually emphasize a video stream of highest rank within the user interface

arrange at least a portion of the displayed video streams in the user interface in order of rank;

wherein the stream reception component is further configured to detect a change of scene within a first video stream;

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wherein the stream ranking component is further configured to promote the first video stream to a higher rank; and

wherein the stream display component is further configured to re-arrange at least a portion of the displayed video streams in the user interface in order of rank to reflect the promotion in rank of the first video stream.

60.   (currently amended) A system for <u>organizing the display of</u> displaying video streams <u>on a television screen</u> received from multiple terminals linked by a network, the system comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of video streams at a <u>set top box</u> network terminal;

means for simultaneously displaying the video streams <u>on the television</u> in a user interface provided by the <u>set top box</u> network terminal;

means for ranking <u>within the set top box</u> at least a portion of the video streams according to a set of ranking criteria<u>, wherein said ranking is to determine the relative locations of the video streams within the user interface</u>; and

means for arranging <u>the locations of</u> at least a portion of the simultaneously-displayed video streams within the user interface in order of rank <u>as determined by the ranking criteria</u>.

61.   (currently amended) A system for displaying <u>organizing the display of</u> video streams received from multiple webcams linked by a network, the system comprising:

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means for receiving a plurality of video streams at an interactive

television system coupled to the network;

means for simultaneously displaying the video streams in a user

interface provided by the interactive television system;

means for ranking <u>within the interactive television system</u> at least a

portion of the video streams according to a user-defined set of ranking criteria,

<u>wherein said ranking is to determine the relative locations of the video streams within</u>

<u>the user interface</u>;

means for arranging <u>the locations of</u> at least a portion of the displayed

video streams in the user interface in order of rank <u>as determined by the ranking</u>

criteria;

means for detecting a change of scene within a first video stream;

means for promoting the first video stream to a higher rank <u>in response</u>

<u>to the scene change being detected</u>; and

means for re-arranging <u>the locations of</u> at least a portion of the

displayed video streams in the user interface in order of rank <u>to reflect the promotion</u>

<u>in rank of the first video stream</u>.

62.   (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

rearranging <u>the locations of</u> at least a portion of the simultaneously-

displayed video streams within the user interface to reflect a change in rank

associated with a first video stream.

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63.   (new) The system of claim 59, wherein the stream display component is further configured to visually emphasize the video stream of highest rank by enlarging it in the user interface relative to the other video streams.

64.   (new) The method of claim 1, wherein arranging comprises ordering the video streams within the user interface from left to right in order of decreasing rank.

65.   (new) The method of claim 1, wherein arranging comprises ordering the video streams within the user interface from top to bottom in order of decreasing rank.